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### **Dandelion Sundae – Sunday, May 20**

On Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 1 - 4 pm, the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge along with the Kenai Watershed Forum, the Kenai Soil and Water Conservation District, the University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service, and River City Books will host the third annual “Dandelion Sundae” at the Refuge Visitor Center/Headquarters on Ski Hill Road in Soldotna.

The exotic dandelion has become the “poster child” for invasive plants and like most invasive plant species they readily colonize disturbed areas and can be difficult if not impossible to eradicate once established. This plant is the most familiar invasive we have on the Kenai Peninsula and will serve to introduce concerned citizens to a larger cadre of invasive plants likely to be encountered locally.

Come rain or shine and bring a grocery-sized bag of dandelions or any other invasive plants that you can readily identify and remove. Alternately, you may come and pick invasives around refuge headquarters to prevent their spread on to adjacent refuge trails. Give us your bag and you will receive a free ice cream sundae. Prizes will be awarded for outstanding effort and free invasive plant guides will be given away to aid in the identification and control of invasive plants.

**Become informed and contribute to the effort to prevent and control the spread of invasive plants in your community and adjacent wildlands. For further event details or recommendations on where to go “weed pulling” contact Kenai National Wildlife Refuge at 262-7021.**

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